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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **TODA, et al.**Group Art Unit: **2643**Serial No.: **09/579,275**Examiner: **LAO, Lun S.**Filed: **May 26, 2000****P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 7796**For: **COMPONENT SELECTION CONTROL SYSTEM****RECEIVED****PETITION TO WITHDRAW FINALITY****JUN 2 2 2004****Technology Center 2600**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Date: June 16, 2004

Sir:

The Office Action mailed May 11, 2004, paper number 13 was improperly made final. This Office Action was in response to a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on February 18, 2004 which included a Petition for Extension of Time, and a Preliminary Amendment. In the Preliminary Amendment independent claims 1 and 3 were amended to include a newly claimed feature not previously claimed. As a result of this amendment a new grounds of rejection was issued in which claims 1 and 3 were objected to under 37 CFR §1.75(c) and rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, as indicated in page 2 of the Office Action, paper number 13. Since the independent claims were amended which necessitated a new grounds of rejection, the Office Action, paper number 13 was improperly made final.

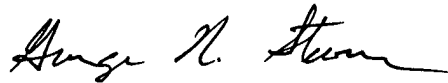
Therefore withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action is respectfully requested.

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